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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT'S APPRAISAL OF NEWSWEEK INTERVIEW

REF: JIDDA 8031

1. OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT PELED VIEWS GIVEN IN ARTICLE ARE SHARED BY ONLY VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF ISRAELI POPULATION, ABOVE ALL ON JERUSALEM ISSUE. ON JERUSALEM, LIBERAL MINDED ISRAELIS OFTEN SPEAK OF POSSIBILITY OF SOME KIND OF SELF RULE ON LOCAL MATTERS FOR ARAB POPULATED SECTOR OF CITY, BUT NUMBER OF ISRAELIS READY TO CONTEMPLATE REVERSION OF EAST JERUSALEM TO ARAB SOVEREIGNTY WOULD PROBABLY BE INFINITESIMAL. VIEWS IN ARTICLE ARE OBVIOUSLY FAR REMOVED FROM GOI POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES.

2. IN MY OPINION IT WOULD ONLY CREATE CONFUSION FOR US TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO DISCUSS ARTICLE WITH SAUDIS OR TO STIMU-  
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